GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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THEFT OF VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of vehicles stolen are not traceable in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to tackle this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir. Details of the cases of stolen vehicles reported in Delhi during the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 (upto 31St July) are indicated below:

Year	Cases reported	Number of vehicles not recovered so far
2002	7434	5422
2003	7444	5868
2004	8873	6890
2005 (Upto 31st July)	4906	4063

(b): The main reasons for the stolen vehicles not being traced out are that the auto-lifters dispose of such vehicles in far-off places including North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir and Nepal from where recovery of such vehicles is difficult; and failure of the Transport Departments of States to follow the provisions of rules regarding registration of vehicles meticulously.

(c): The steps taken by Delhi Police to tackle the problem of auto-theft in Delhi include formation of Anti-Auto-Theft-Squad in each district; exercising proper vigilance at the border check posts; deployment of policemen in plain cloths to collect intelligence; collection of data regarding auto-lifters; deployment of decoy vehicles to nab the auto lifters; exchange of intelligence with neighbouring States; etching the number of vehicles on windshields; use of SMS service to facilitate recovery/linking of stolen vehicles; use of Zonal Integrated Police Network (ZIPNET) with districts of neighbouring States for online exchange of information, etc.